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BIG TOP TERROR!!

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SONIC X™

DIRECT EDITION

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I DON'T KNOW WHY CHRIS WAS SO EXCITED ABOUT COMING TO THE CIRCUS. SO FAR I'M NOT HAVING MUCH FUN!

SONIC AND HIS FRIENDS WERE THROWN ACROSS TIME AND SPACE TO EARTH! NOW THEY WORK WITH THEIR HUMAN HOSTS ...THE THORNDYKE FAMILY... TO STOP DR. EGGMAN FROM CONQUERING THE WORLD! EXCEPT IT LOOKS LIKE SONIC IS IN A TIGHT SPOT...

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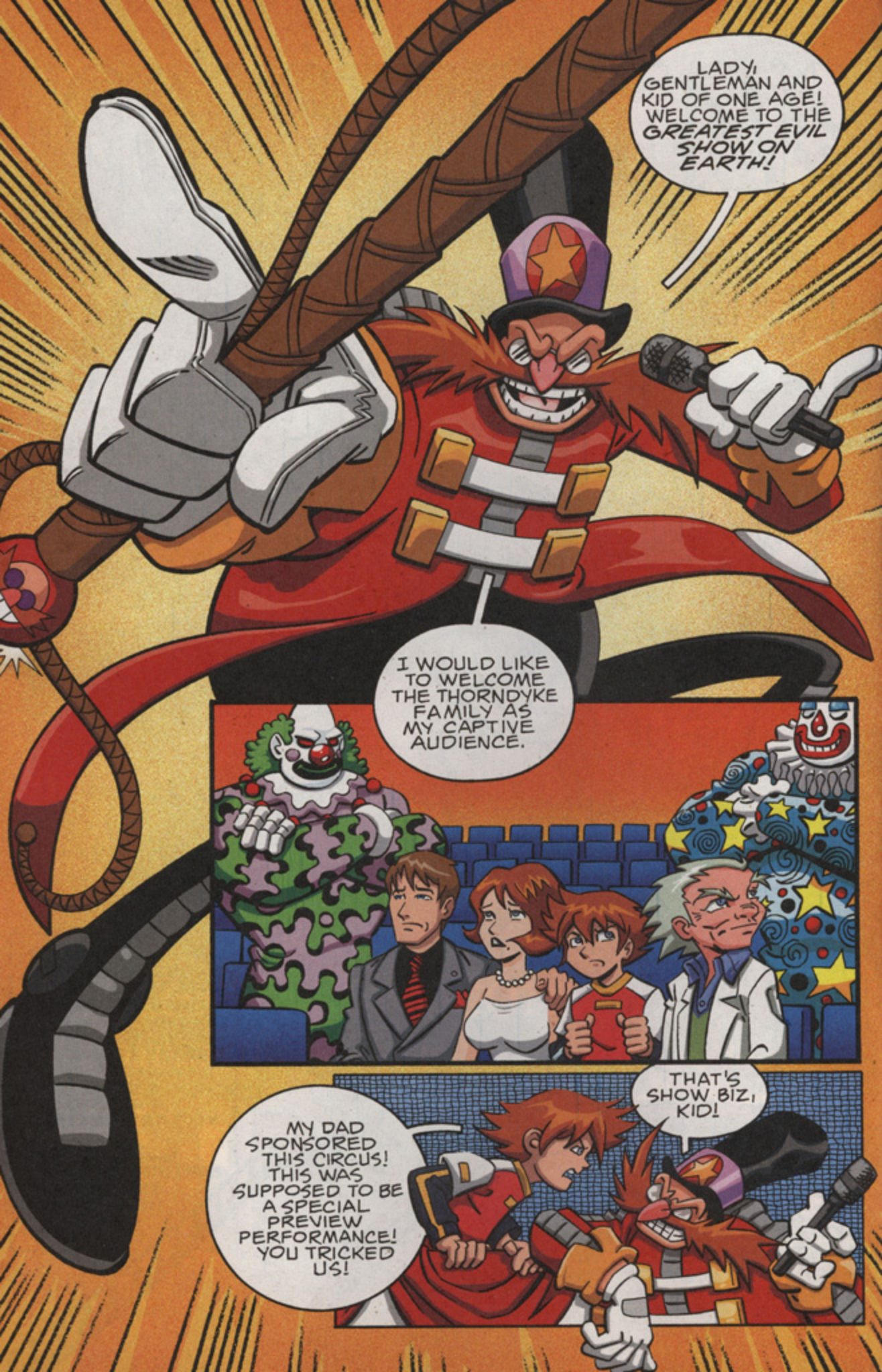
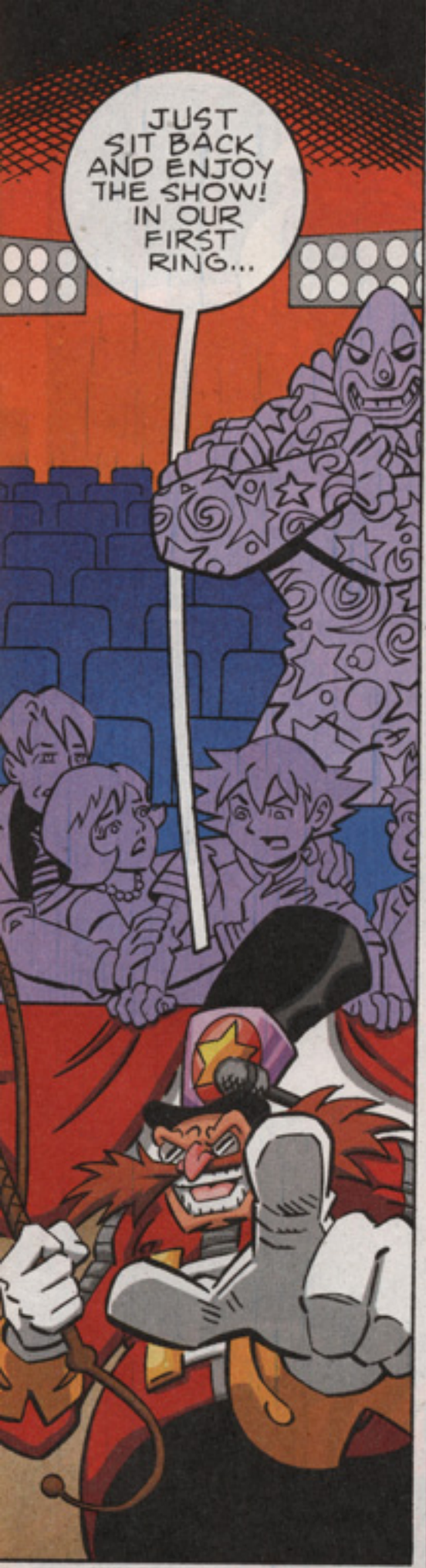
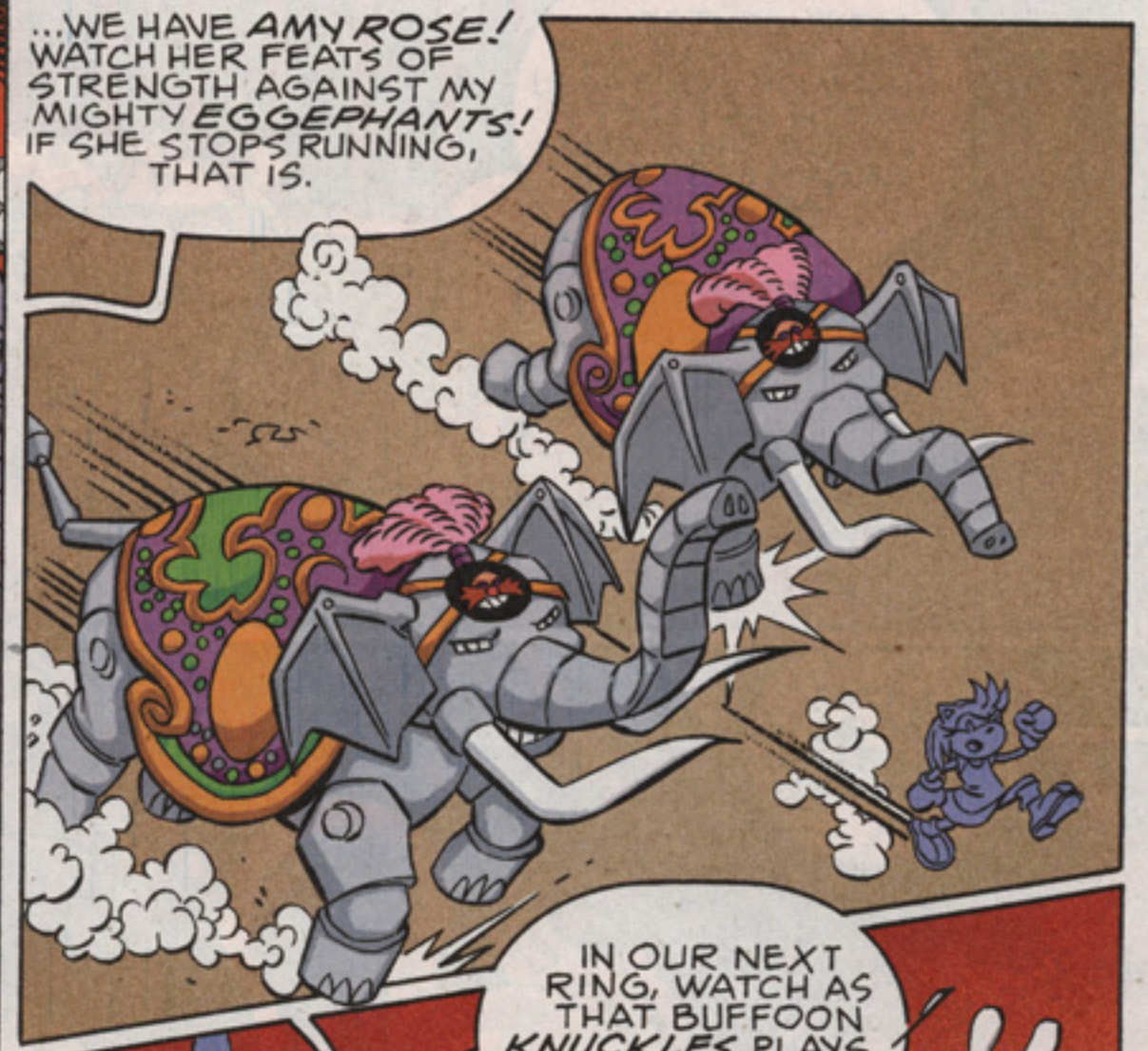
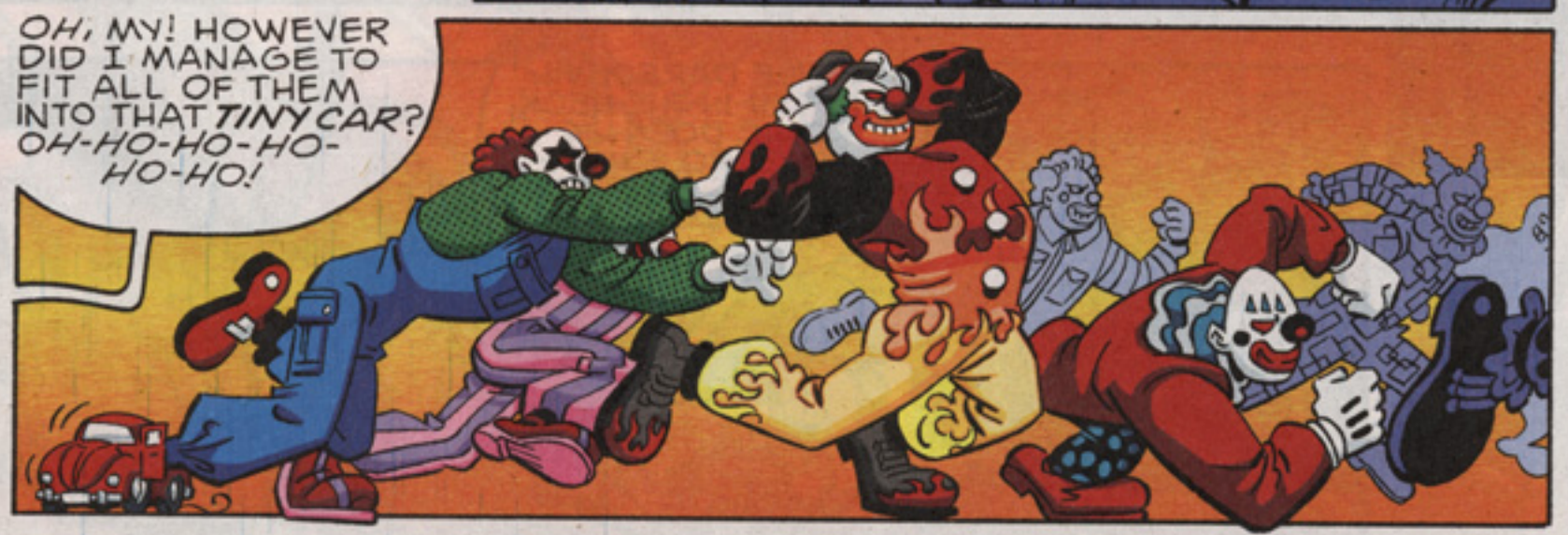

LADY, GENTLEMAN AND KID OF ONE AGE! WELCOME TO THE GREATEST EVIL SHOW ON EARTH!
I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE THORNDYKE FAMILY AS MY CAPTIVE AUDIENCE.
MY DAD SPONSORED THIS CIRCUS! THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A SPECIAL PREVIEW PERFORMANCE! YOU TRICKED US!
THAT'S SHOW BIZ, KID!

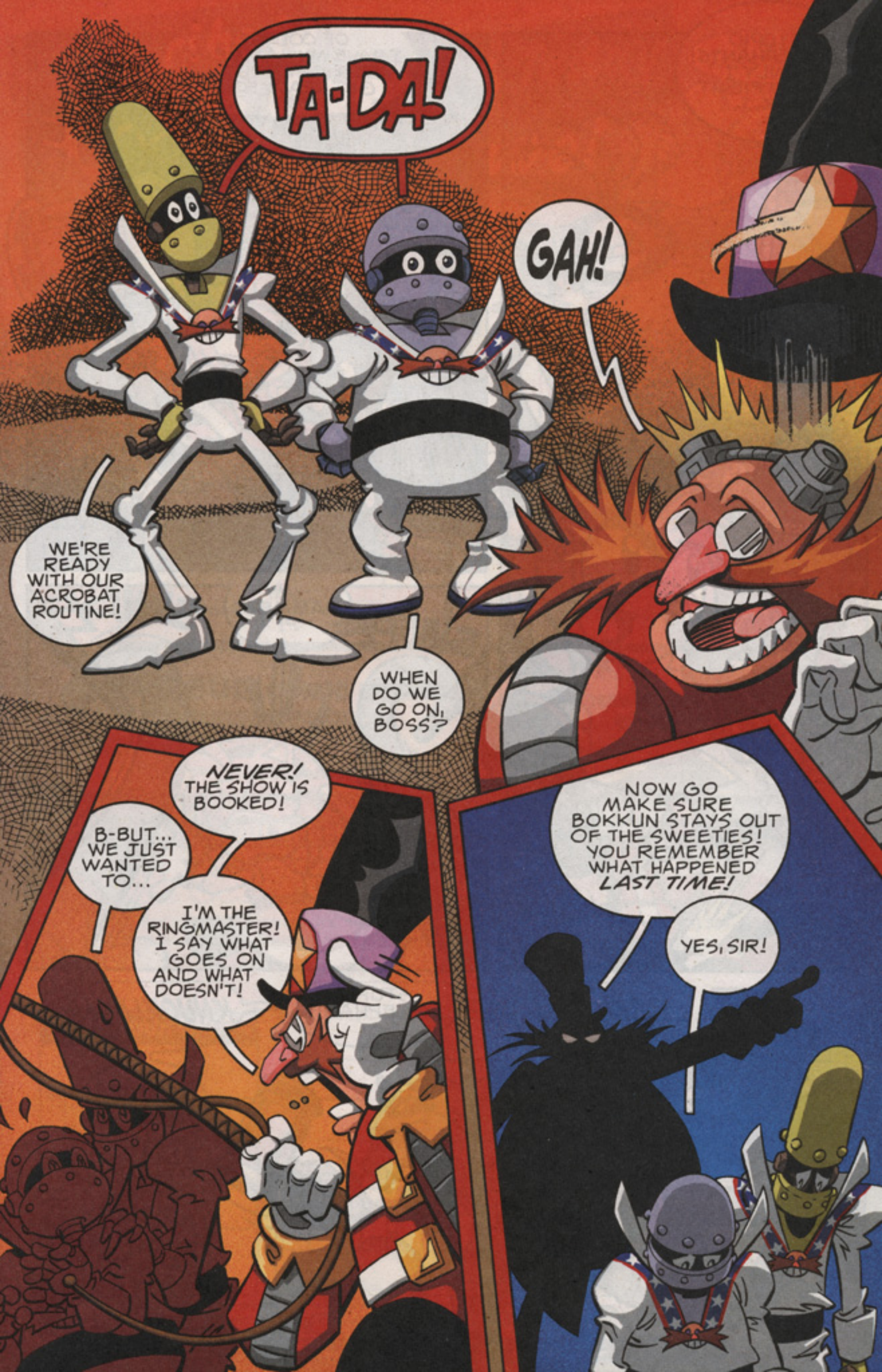

JUST SIT BACK AND ENJOY THE SHOW! IN OUR FIRST RING...

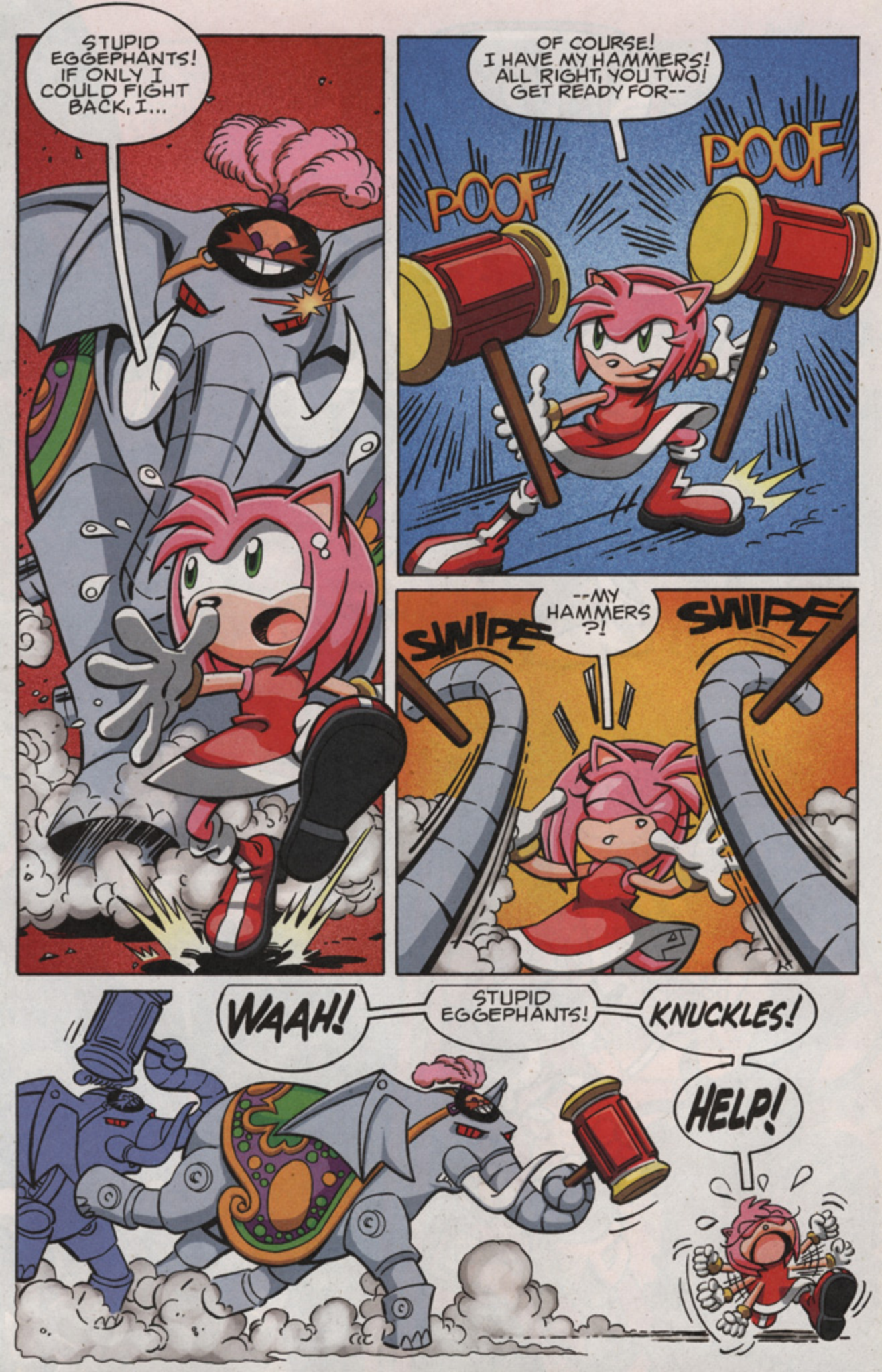

...WE HAVE AMY ROSE! WATCH HER FEATS OF STRENGTH AGAINST MY MIGHTY EGGEPHANTS! IF SHE STOPS RUNNING, THAT IS.

IN OUR NEXT RING, WATCH AS THAT BUFFOON KNUCKLES PLAYS WITH ALL MY EGG CLOWNS!

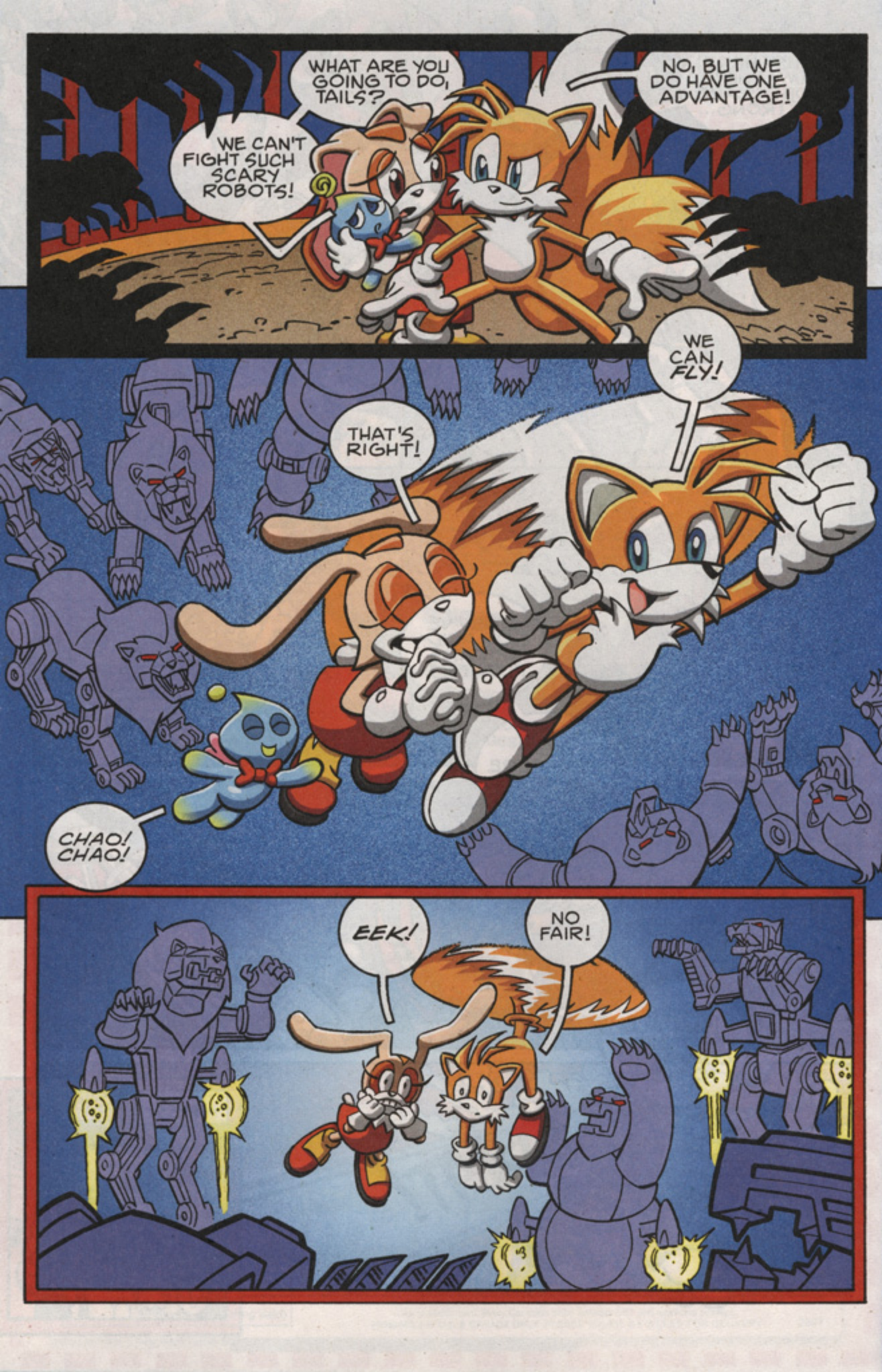

OH, MY! HOWEVER DID I MANAGE TO FIT ALL OF THEM INTO THAT TINY CAR? OH-HO-HO-HO-HO!

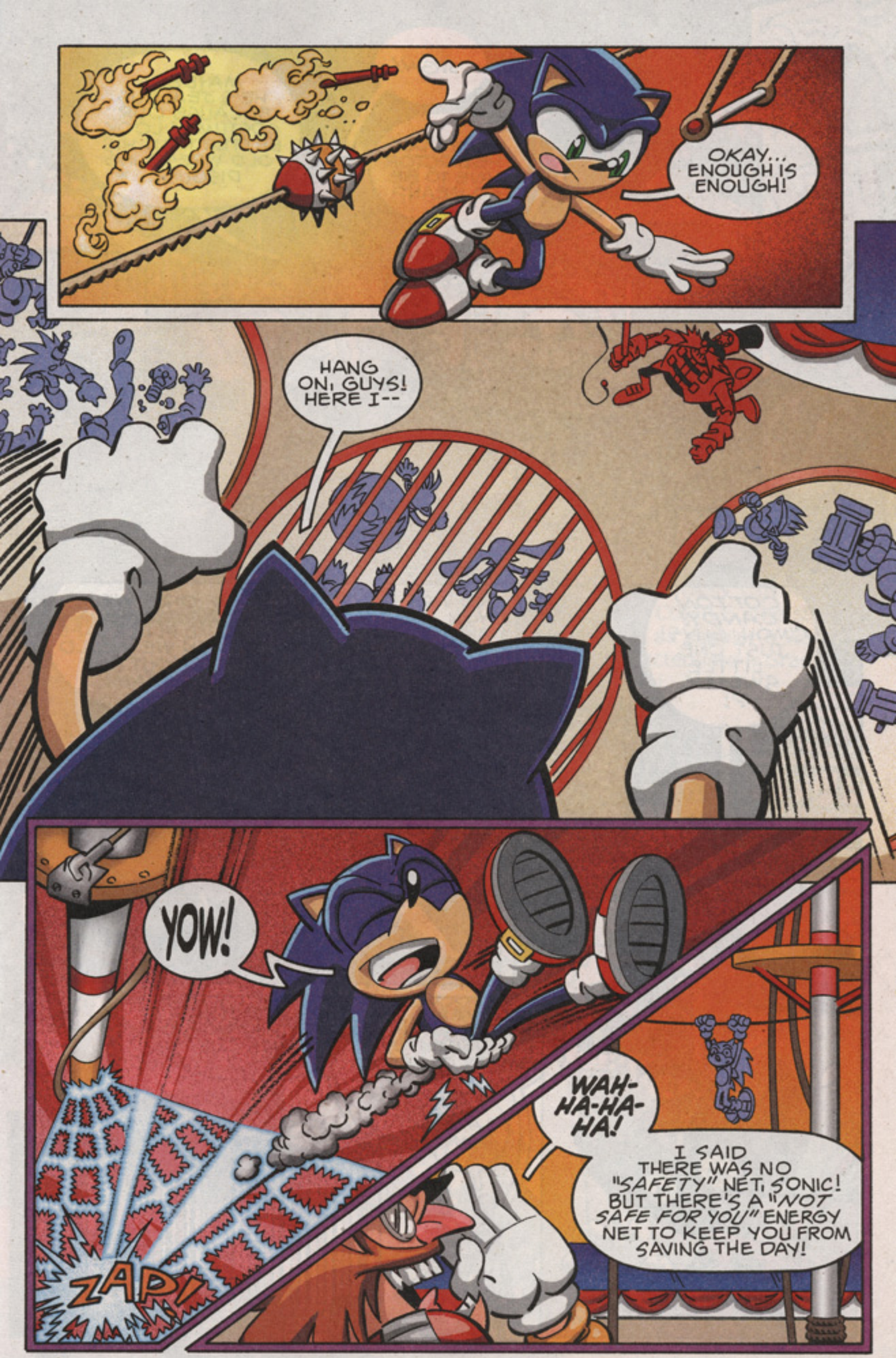
IN THE CENTER RING, WE HAVE OUR SHOW OF COURAGE! WATCH AS FLUFFY LITTLE TAILS AND CREAM FACE OFF AGAINST...
...LIONS, TIGERS, AND BEARS! OH, MY!
WHILE DAREDEVIL AND PAIN-IN-THE-NECK SONIC DOES HIS DANGEROUS HIGH-WIRE ACT WITHOUT A SAFETY NET!

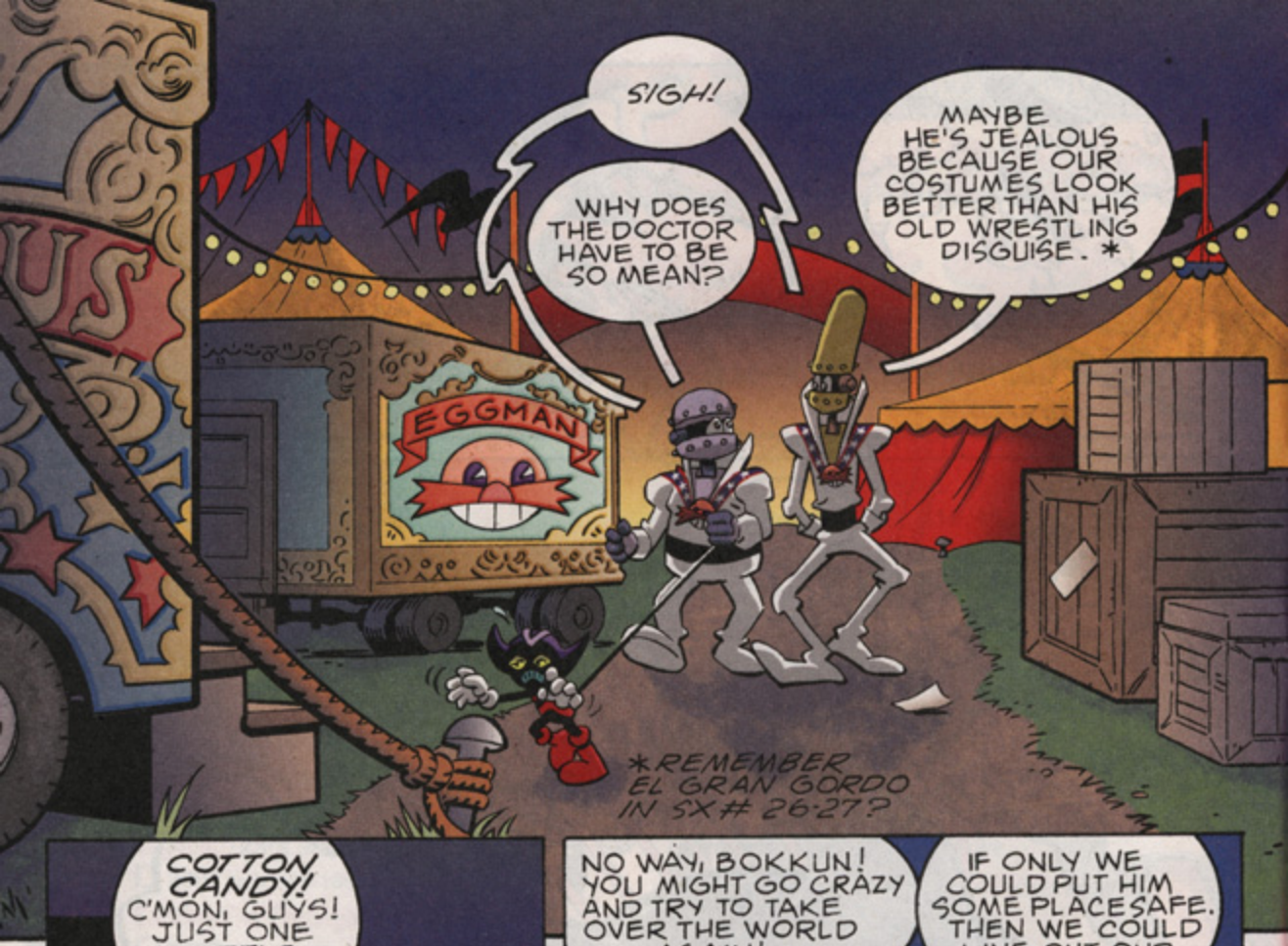

TA-DA!
GAH!
WE'RE READY WITH OUR ACROBAT ROUTINE!
WHEN DO WE GO ON, BOSS?
NEVER! THE SHOW IS BOOKED!
B-BUT... WE JUST WANTED TO...
I'M THE RINGMASTER! I SAY WHAT GOES ON AND WHAT DOESN'T!
NOW GO MAKE SURE BOKKUN STAYS OUT OF THE SWEETIES! YOU REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED LAST TIME!
YES, SIR!


STUPID EGGEPHANTS! IF ONLY I COULD FIGHT BACK, I...
OF COURSE! I HAVE MY HAMMERS! ALL RIGHT, YOU TWO! GET READY FOR--
POOF
POOF
--MY HAMMERS ?!
SWIPE
SWIPE
WAAH!
STUPID EGGEPHANTS!
KNUCKLES!
HELP!

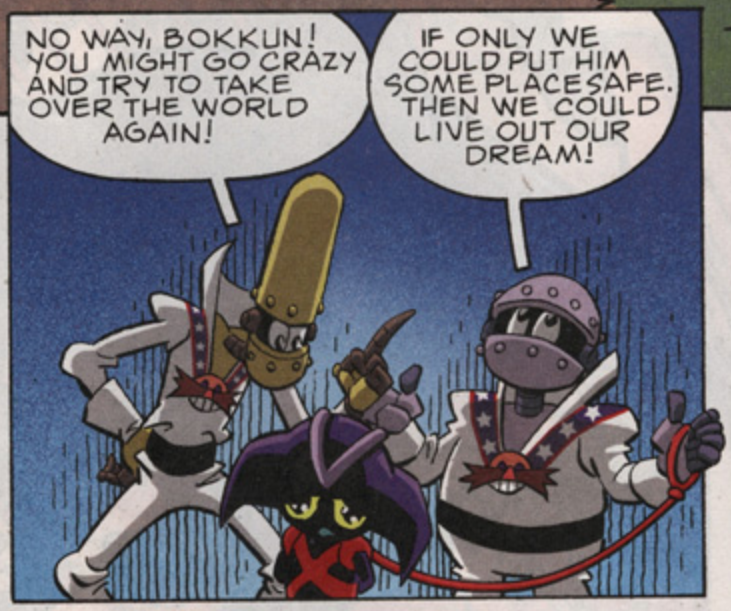
BUSY HERE, AMY. THESE ROBOTS ARE STRONG...
...THEY'VE GOT ACID-SPITTING FLOWERS...
...AND HIGH-PRESSURE WATER BOTTLES!
WHICH ISN'T ALL THAT BAD COMPARED TO THE--
SPLAT!
--PIES.

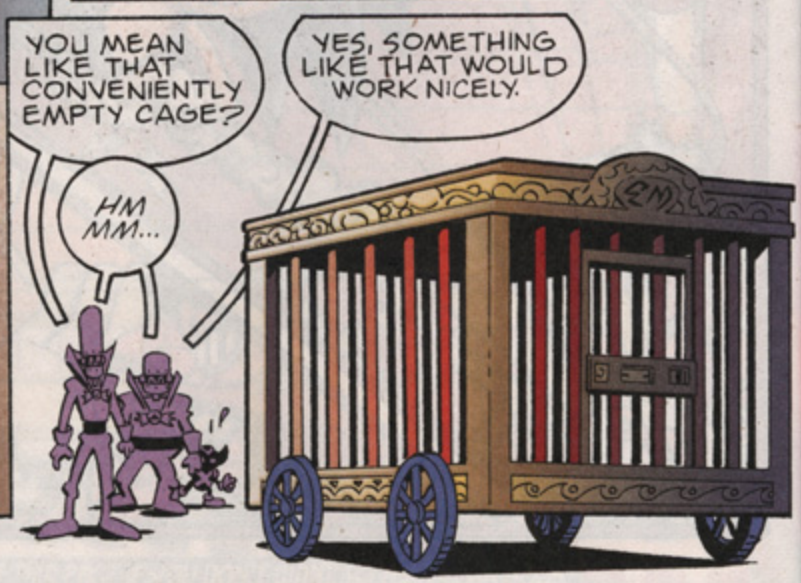

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, TAILS?
WE CAN'T FIGHT SUCH SCARY ROBOTS!
NO, BUT WE DO HAVE ONE ADVANTAGE!
WE CAN FLY!
THAT'S RIGHT!
CHAO! CHAO!
EEK!
NO FAIR!


OKAY... ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!
HANG ON, GUYS! HERE I--
YOW!
ZAP!
WAH-HA-HA-HA!
I SAID THERE WAS NO "SAFETY" NET, SONIC! BUT THERE'S A "NOT SAFE FOR YOU" ENERGY NET TO KEEP YOU FROM SAVING THE DAY!

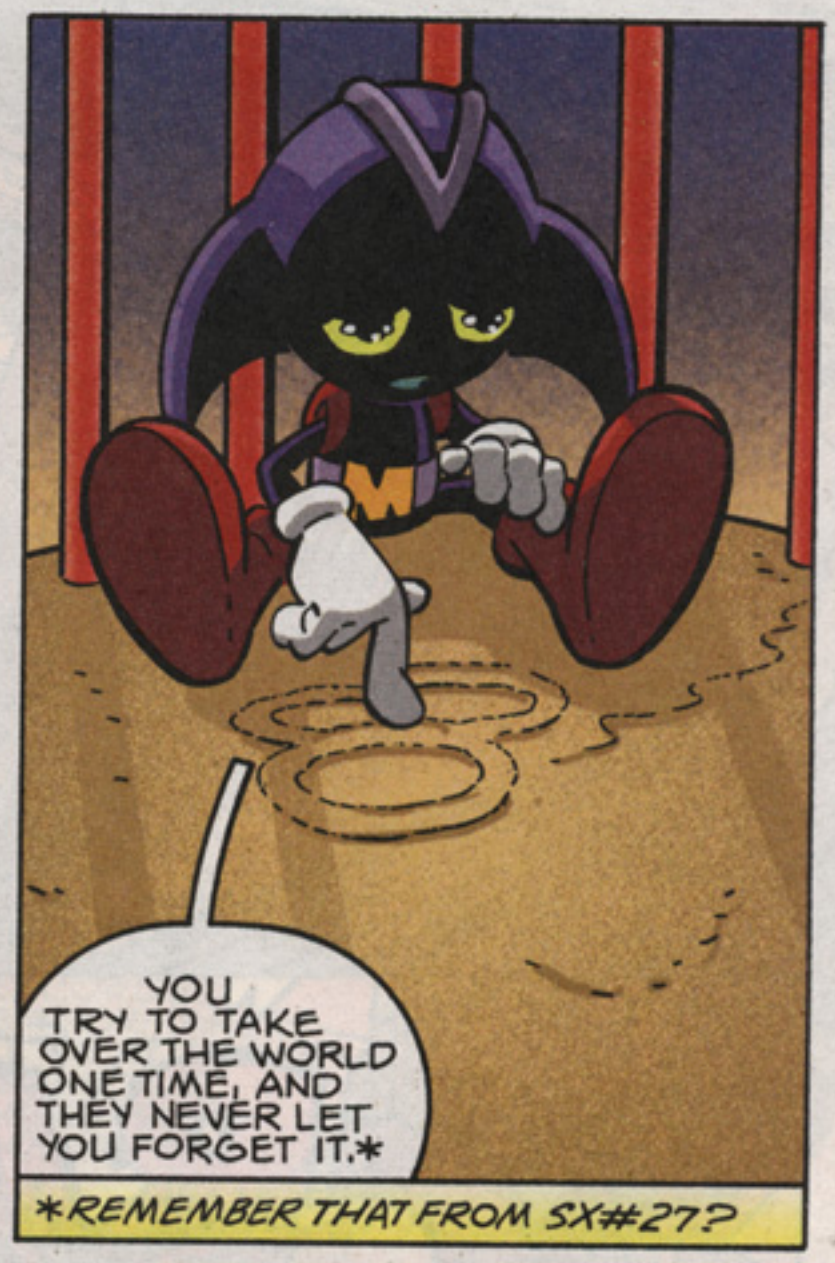

SIGH!
WHY DOES THE DOCTOR HAVE TO BE SO MEAN?
MAYBE HE'S JEALOUS BECAUSE OUR COSTUMES LOOK BETTER THAN HIS OLD WRESTLING DISGUISE. *
EGGMAN
*REMEMBER EL GRAN GORDO IN SX # 26-27?

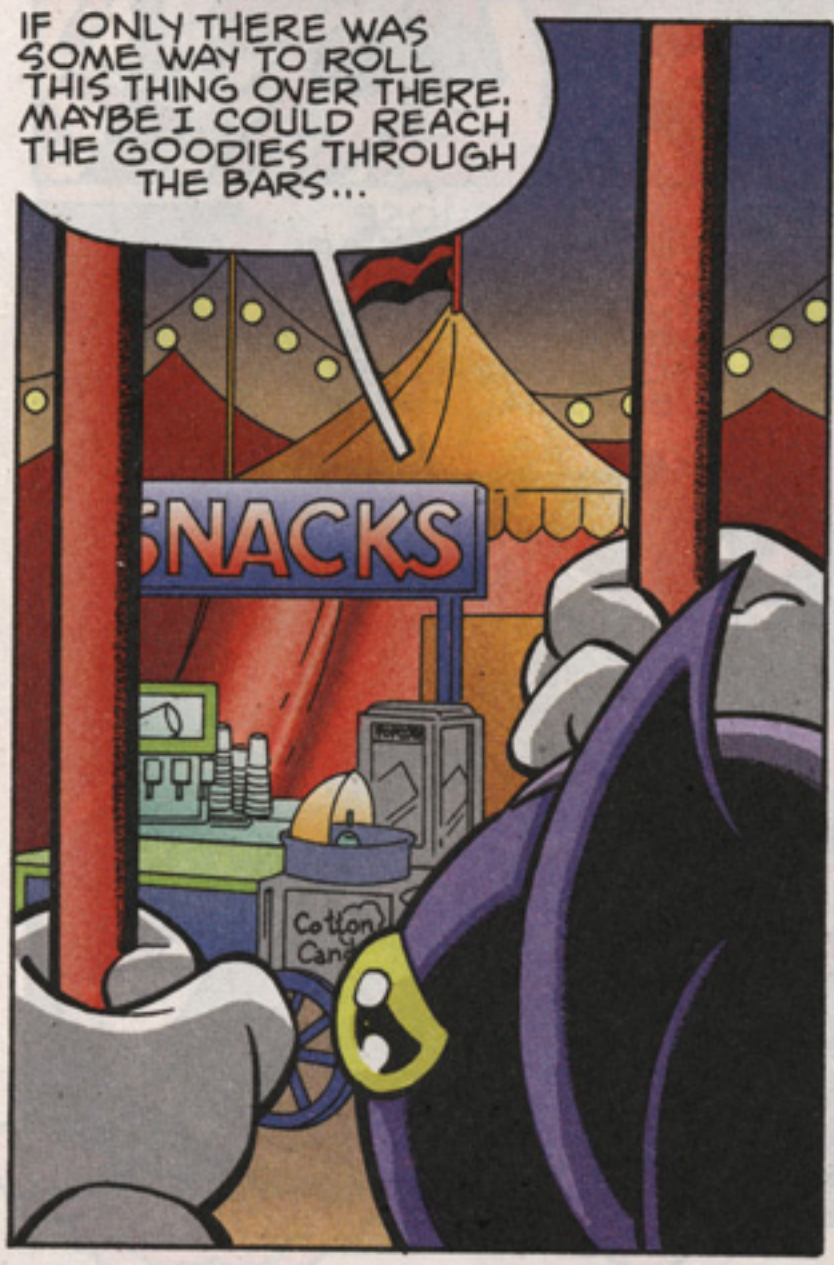
COTTON CANDY! C'MON, GUYS! JUST ONE LITTLE SWEETIE ?!
SODA
POP
Cotton Candy

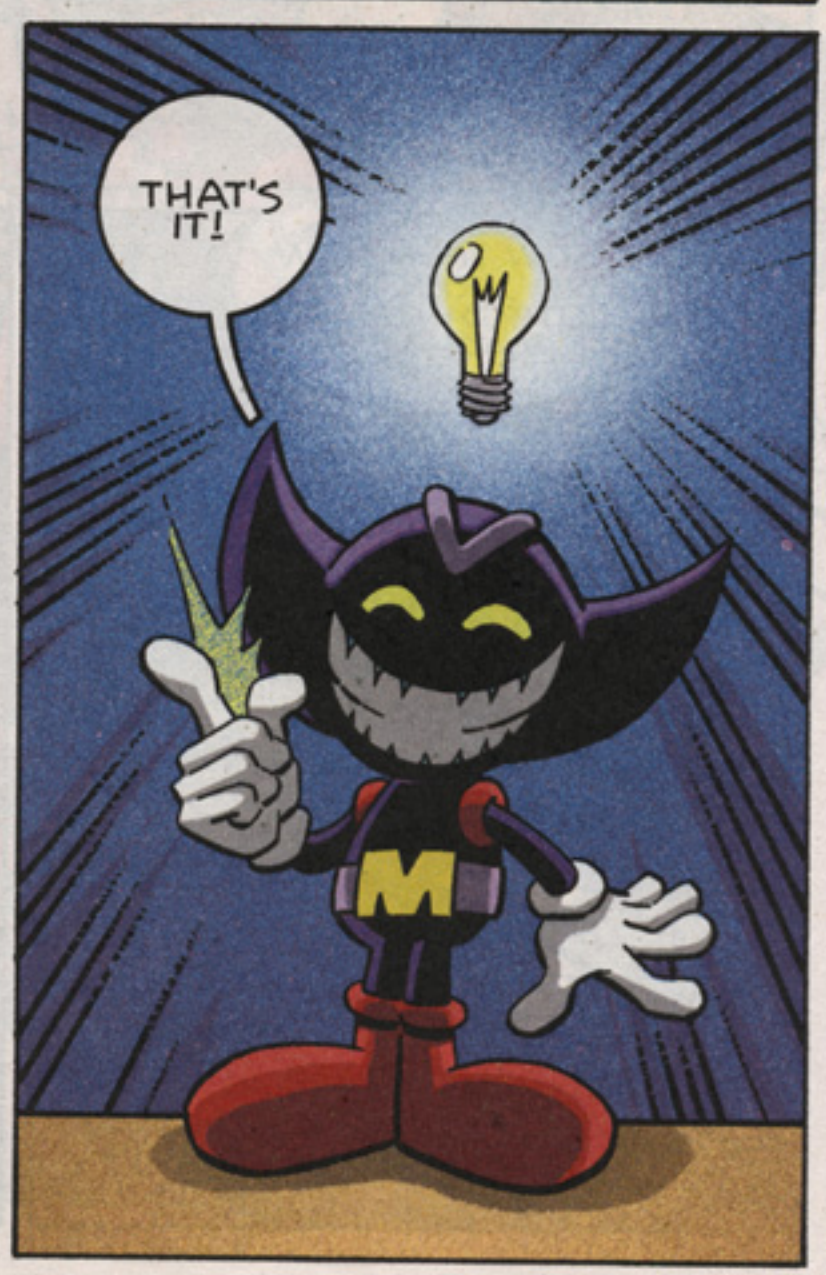

NO WAY, BOKKUN! YOU MIGHT GO CRAZY AND TRY TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD AGAIN!
IF ONLY WE COULD PUT HIM SOME PLACE SAFE. THEN WE COULD LIVE OUT OUR DREAM!

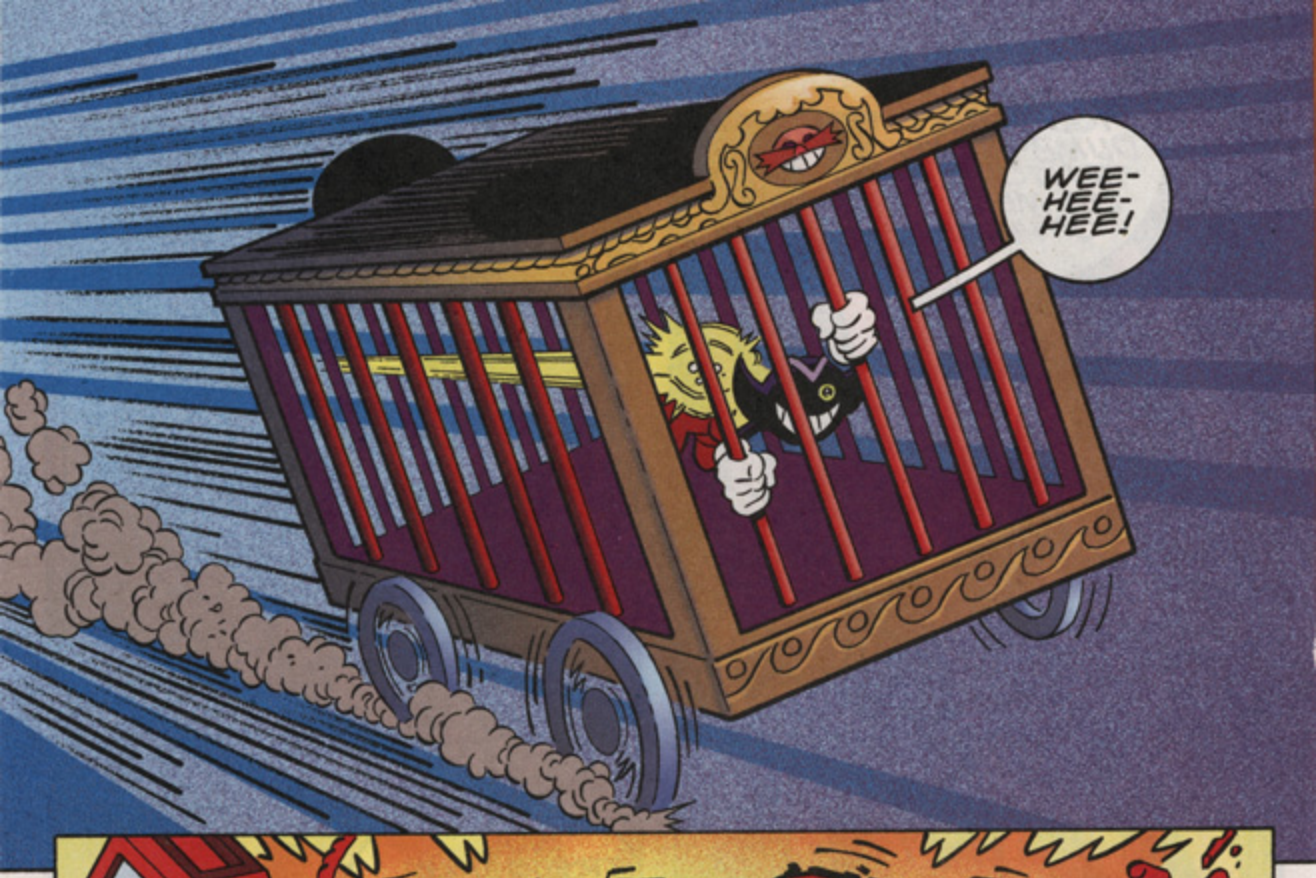

YOU MEAN LIKE THAT CONVENIENTLY EMPTY CAGE?
YES, SOMETHING LIKE THAT WOULD WORK NICELY.
HM MM...

YOU STINKY DUMB-FACED TRAITORS!!! LET ME OUT OF HERE!


YOU TRY TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD ONE TIME, AND THEY NEVER LET YOU FORGET IT.*
*REMEMBER THAT FROM SX#27?


IF ONLY THERE WAS SOME WAY TO ROLL THIS THING OVER THERE. MAYBE I COULD REACH THE GOODIES THROUGH THE BARS...
SNACKS

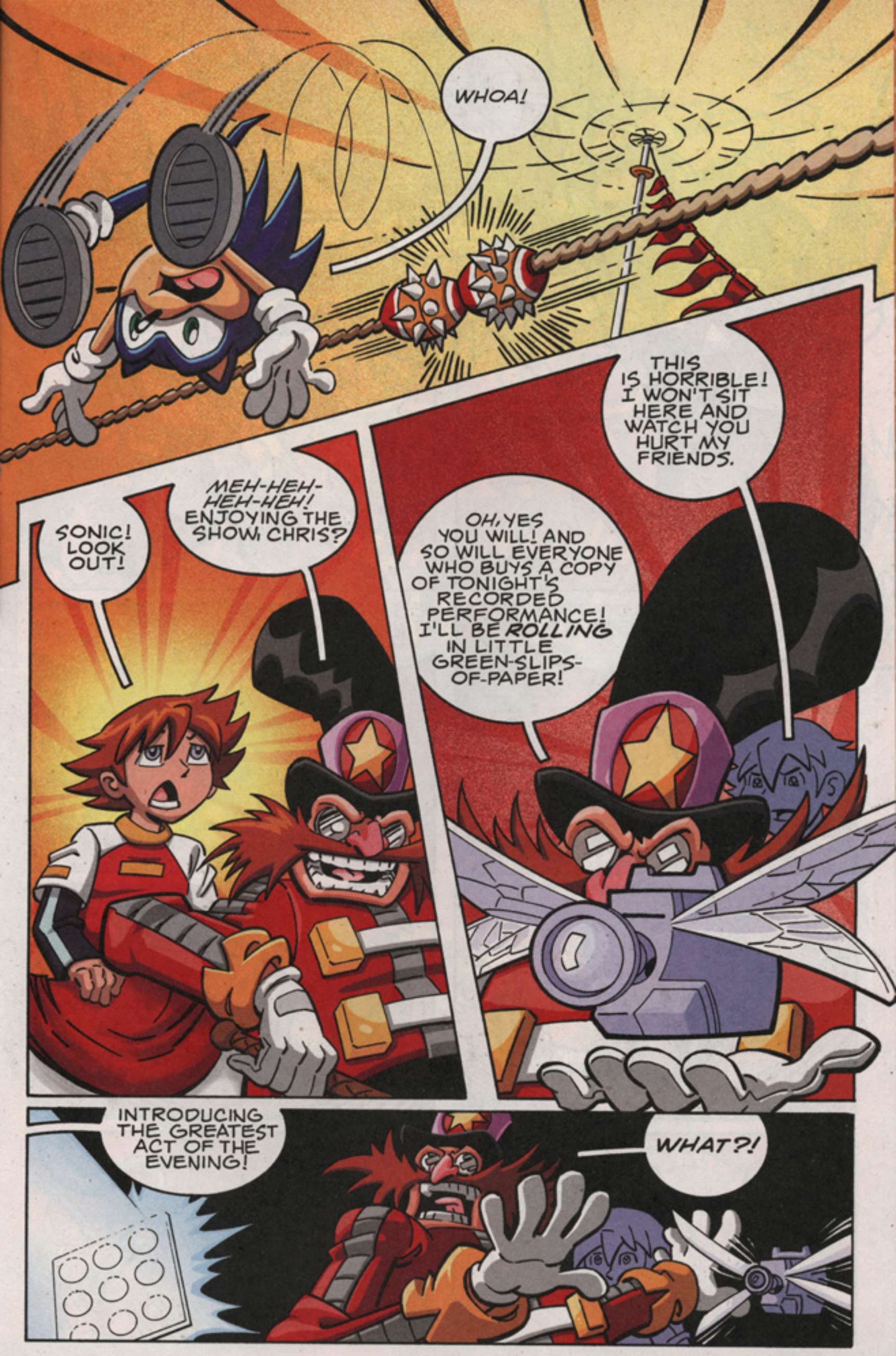

THAT'S IT!

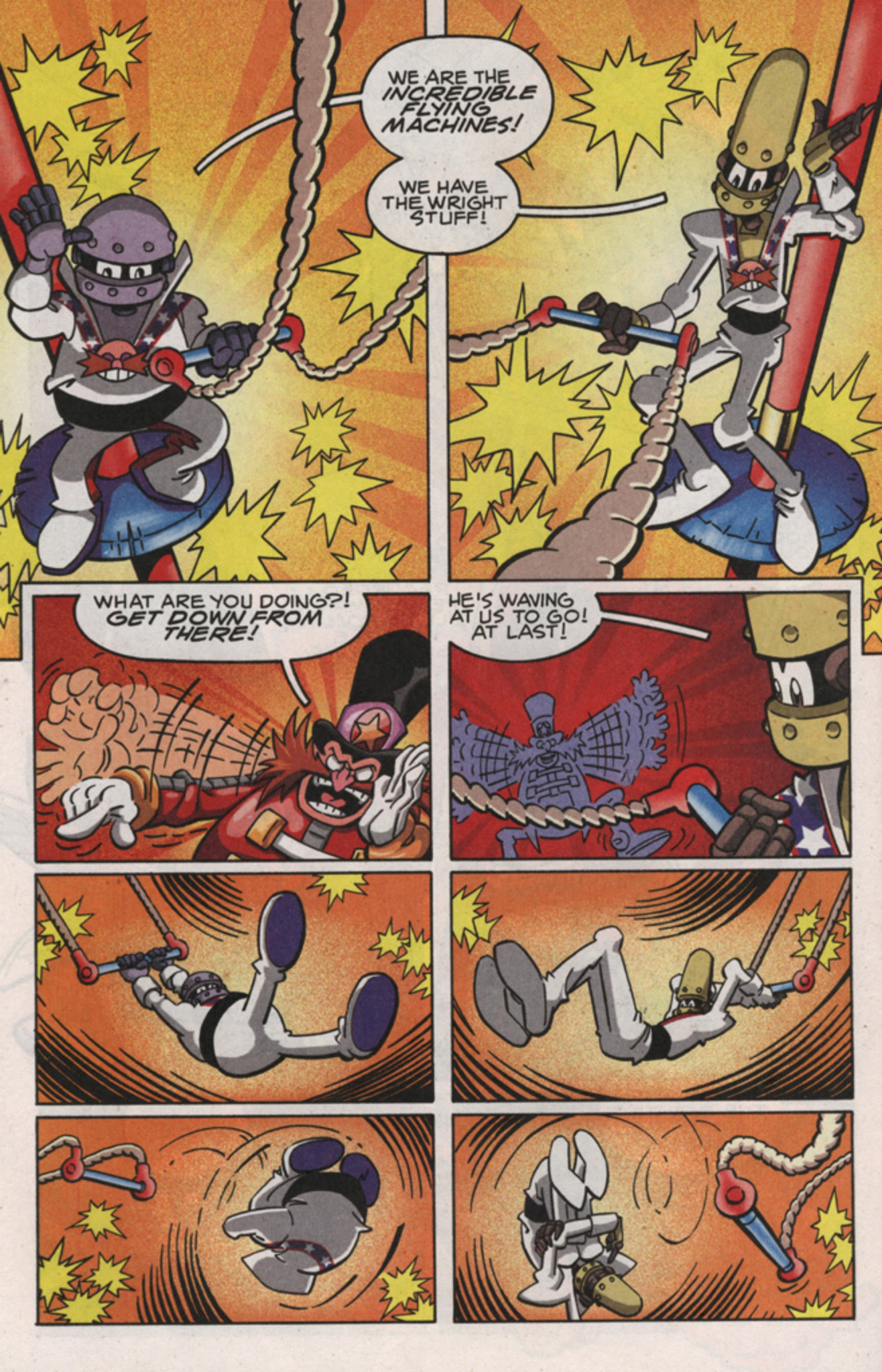

WEE-HEE-HEE!

CRASH!

VICTORY! NOW THEN, HOW DO I RUN THIS COTTON CANDY MACHINE?
INSTRUCTIONS
Cotton Candy

BAH, THOSE INSTRUCTIONS ARE TOO CONSERVATIVE. THERE NEEDS TO BE ENOUGH COTTON CANDY FOR EVERYONE! ESPECIALLY ME!
SUGAR SUGAR!


WHOA!
SONIC! LOOK OUT!
MEH-HEH-HEH-HEH! ENJOYING THE SHOW, CHRIS?
OH, YES YOU WILL! AND SO WILL EVERYONE WHO BUYS A COPY OF TONIGHT'S RECORDED PERFORMANCE! I'LL BE ROLLING IN LITTLE GREEN-SLIPS-OF-PAPER!
THIS IS HORRIBLE! I WON'T SIT HERE AND WATCH YOU HURT MY FRIENDS.
INTRODUCING THE GREATEST ACT OF THE EVENING!
WHAT?!


WE ARE THE INCREDIBLE FLYING MACHINES!
WE HAVE THE WRIGHT STUFF!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! GET DOWN FROM THERE!
HE'S WAVING AT US TO GO! AT LAST!

UM, DECOE? YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO CATCH ME.

B-BUT BOCOE! ...I THOUGHT YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO CATCH ME!

AHHH!

BRR ZAPP

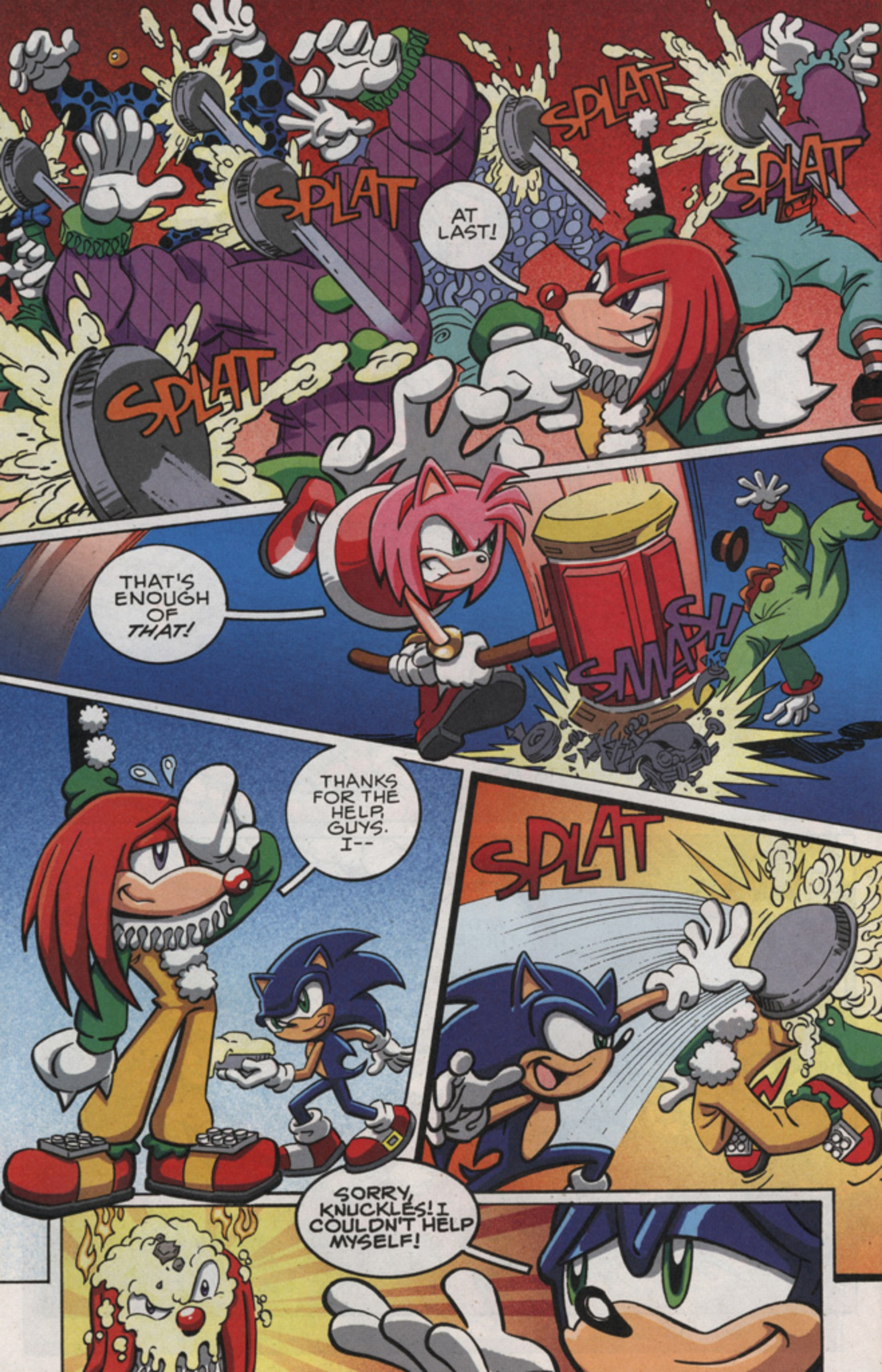
BRR ZAAP

BRR ZAPPP

THANKS FOR SHORTING OUT THAT ENERGY NET, GUYS! NOW FOR THE *REAL* SHOW TO BEGIN!

SHKANG
JUST IN TIME!
THANK YOU, MISTER SONIC!
WE'RE NOT DONE PLAYING "BAIT" YET.
THIS WAY!

SONIC! YOU CAME TO RESCUE ME!
ARE YOU KIDDING, AMY? A HERO NEVER FORGETS!
BUT HOW ARE WE GOING TO SAVE KNUCKLES FROM ALL THOSE EGG CLOWNS?
WITH THESE!


SPLAT
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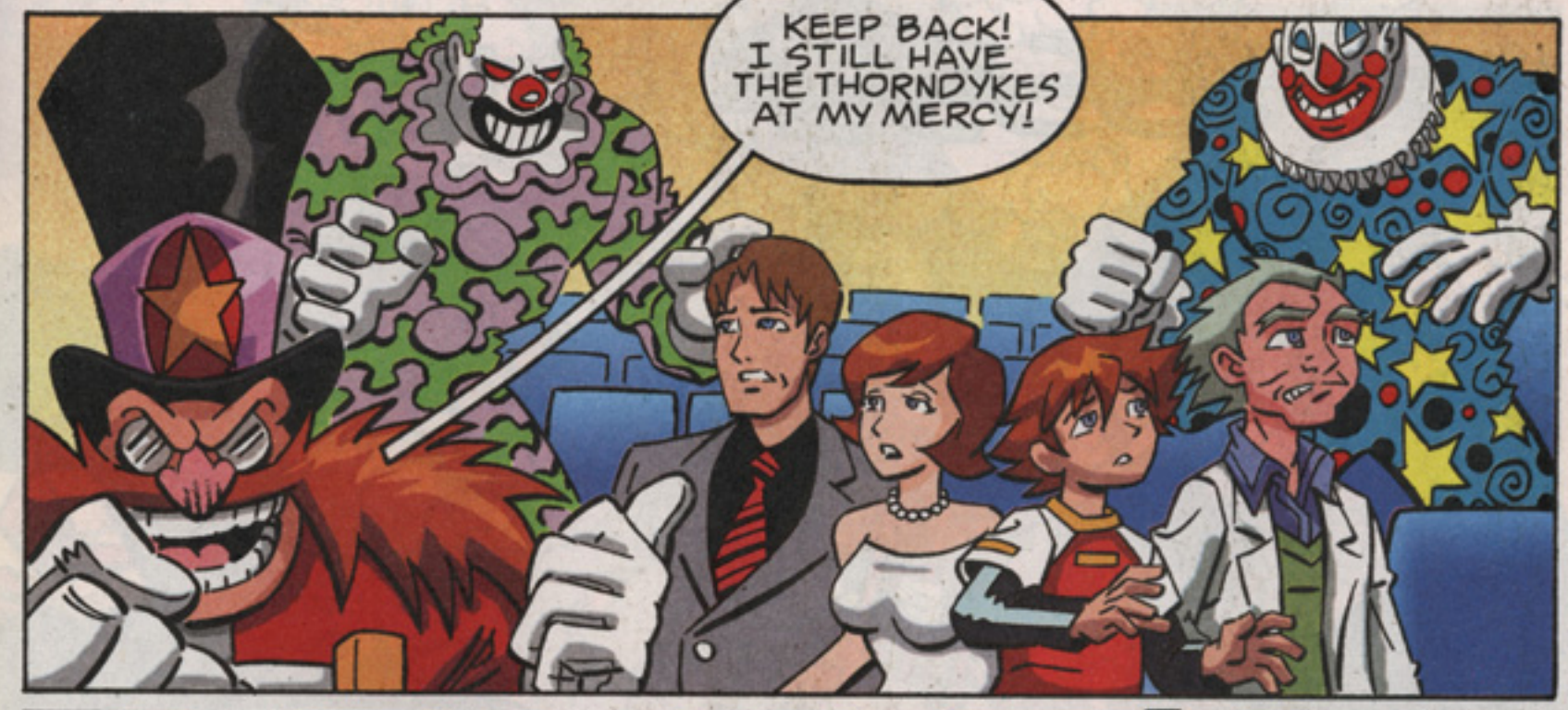
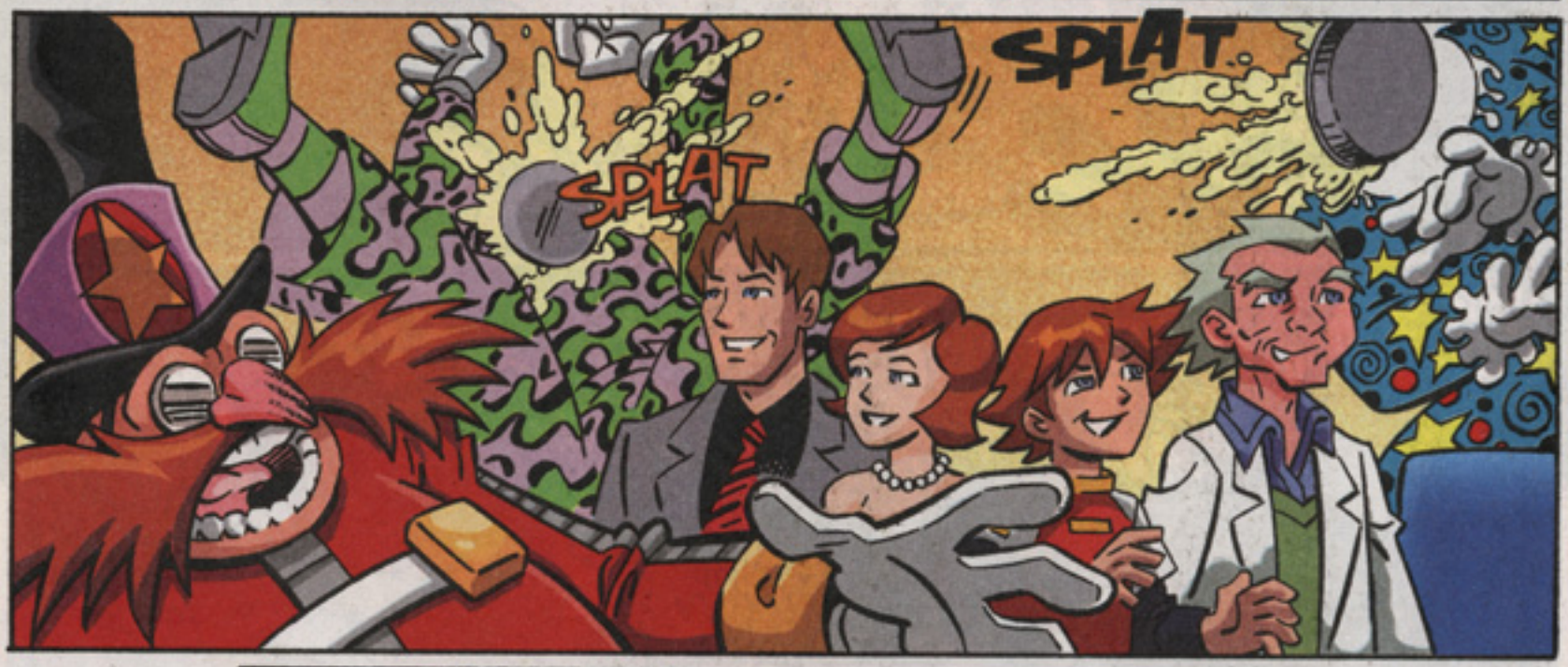
AT LAST!
THAT'S ENOUGH OF THAT!
SMASH
THANKS FOR THE HELP, GUYS. I--
SPLAT
SORRY, KNUCKLES! I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF!


KEEP BACK! I STILL HAVE THE THORNDYKES AT MY MERCY!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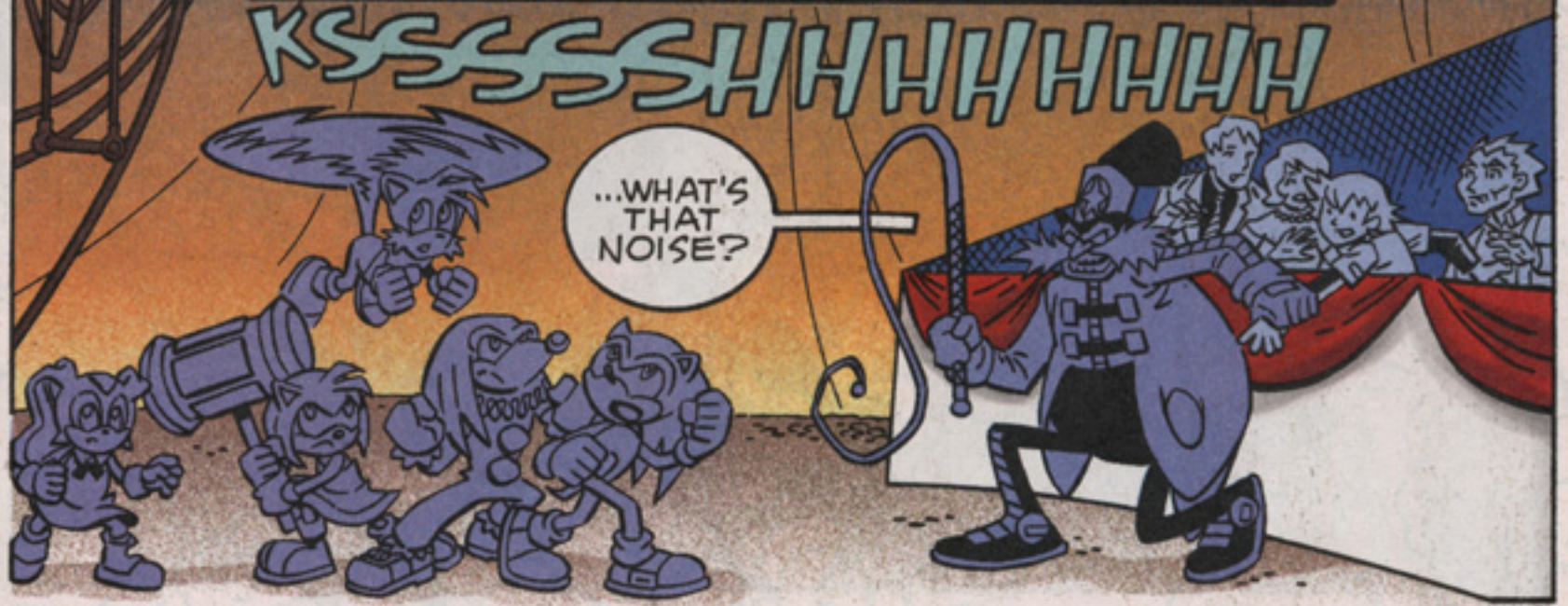
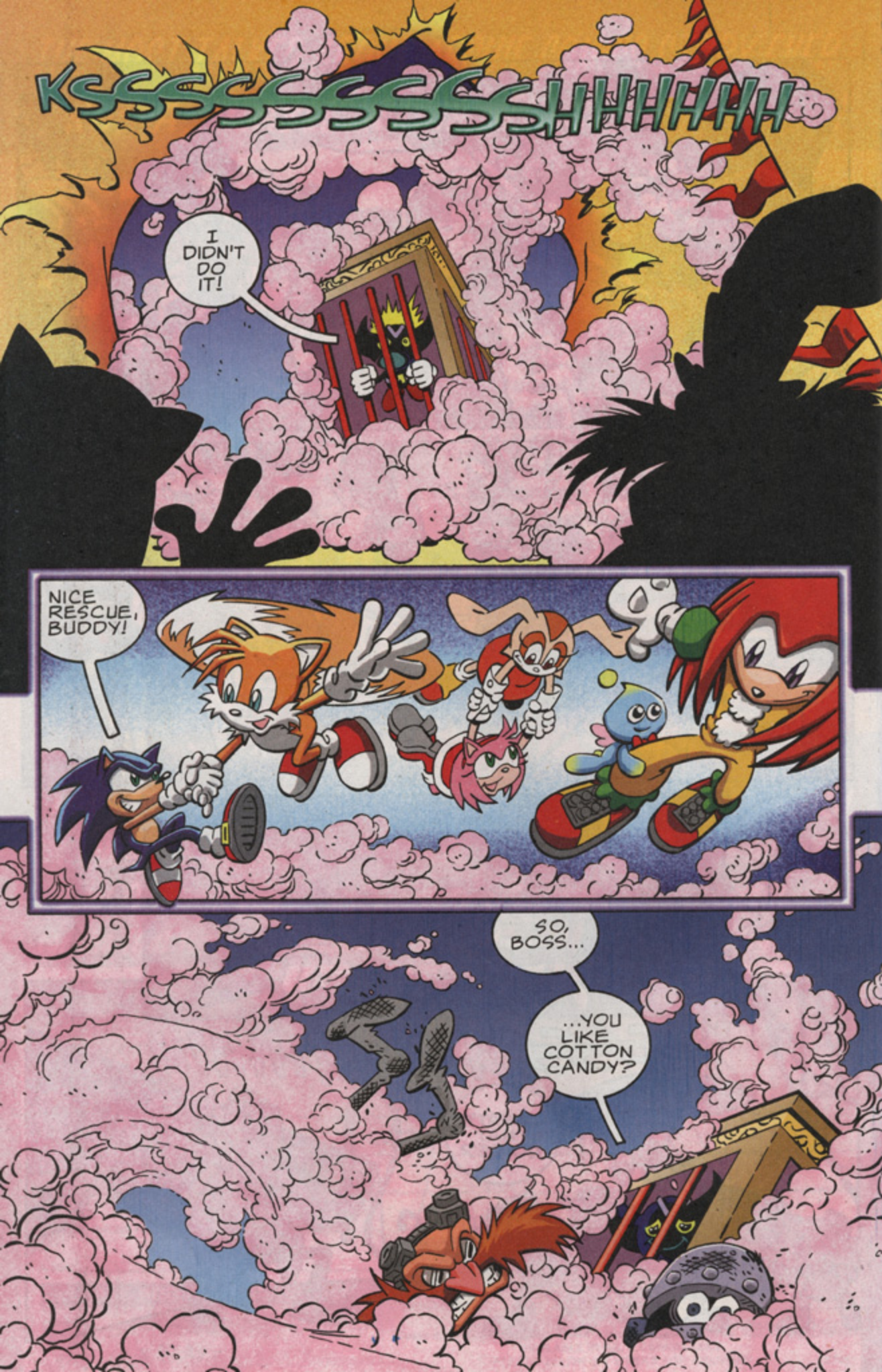
STAY BACK, ALL OF YOU!
HEY! LET ME GO!


KSSSSSHHHHHHHH
...WHAT'S THAT NOISE?


KSSSSSSSSSSHHHHHHH
I DIDN'T DO IT!
NICE RESCUE, BUDDY!
SO, BOSS...
...YOU LIKE COTTON CANDY?

AND SO...

WELL, THINGS CERTAINLY ARE... PINK.

THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH THAT!

...AND THEN THOSE SPIKE THINGS WERE, LIKE, "CLANG!"

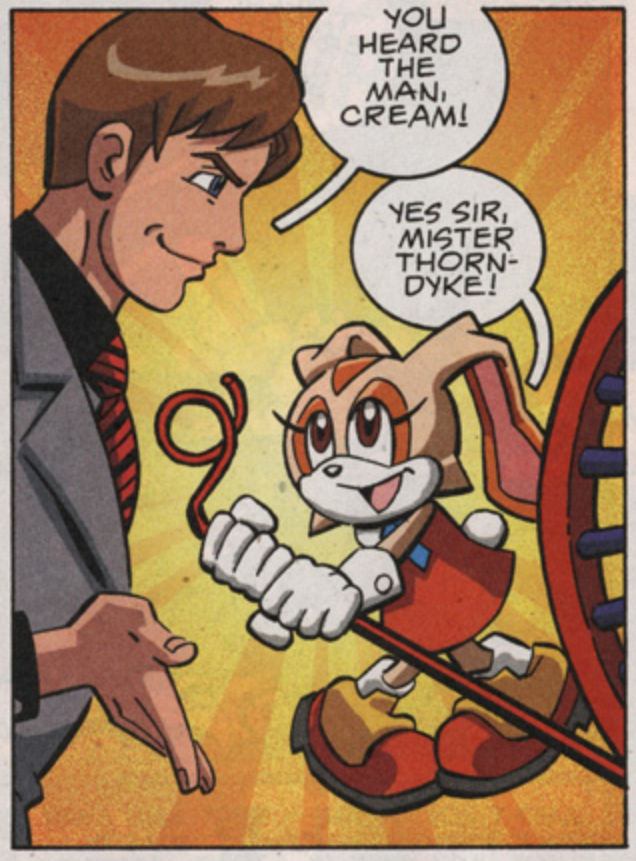
AND AMY WAS ALL, "HELP ME!"

AND KNUCKLES LOOKED SO FUNNY!

AND-- AND-- AND--!

YEAH, UM, CHRIS? WE WERE ENDURING ALL THAT.

OH, YEAH. I'M GLAD YOU'RE ALL OKAY!



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